

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir. No incidence of death has been reported on account of non-consumption of edible iodised salt in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Poor services in CGHS dispensaries

2208. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Central Government Health Scheme Employees Association has complained about poor service in the dispensaries, inspite of steep increase in contribution rates; and

(b) if so, their main grievances and action taken to rectify them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir. No such complaint has been received from All India CGHS Employees Association.

(b) Does not arise.

Tackling population growth

2209. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item, "U.N. report paints a grim picture", appearing in the Hindu dated 11th July, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government share the concern expressed in the UNDP's latest Human Development Report; if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to tackle the problem of burgeoning population growth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. India started its family planning programmes in 1952 and, has recorded the following progress: